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### Editor's Notes —

It hardly seems possible that this issue of IN THE BEGINNING, is the end of 16 years of getting this publication out to close to 500 different people.

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Our cover picture this issue is one we call WHAT IS IT? Have any of our readers used the implement that it was used on?

This seat was on one side of a farm implement-very old of course - It was operated by two men and a horse.

If the seat was gone some used a box, as we guided the horse between the shocks. The hook at the top of the three-legged frame to hold the lines used to keep the horse from a lot of blame.

The implement had three wheels, one in front and two in the rear. The long wooden shafts with an iron band holding them together kept the horse in place.

On two sides of this triangular tool, were fastened knives about three feet long. It was a dangerous farm implement to use and the horse must be gentle or a foot you might lose.

As you may note this seat was not made to really sit down, but to half way stand up and half way sit down. That let your legs straddle, like they would in an old run-down-saddle.

There is no prize to guess WHAT IS IT, but if any of our readers would like to tell or comment about it we would appreciate hearing about it

In the next issue we will have a picture of one of these old-time implements.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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The regular meeting of the Woodson County Historical Society was held July 25, 1983 at the 107 Inn, for a 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting. In the absence of the President Kenneth Stockebrand and his wife Barbara, who have been in Alaska and Canada all summer, the Vice-President, Faye Hibbard had charge of the meeting. Carl Harder introduced Rev. Dick Henderson pastor of the Nazarene Church, furnished the program on talks and colored slides about New Zealand. It was a most interesting program.

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IN MEMORIAN

Erma T. Harder 80 June 26, 1983

Erma Willis Harder had spent most of her life in Woodson County. She was an active member of the Woodson County Historical Society for which she has been a member for some time.

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Glenn Briles 88 June 30, 1983

Mr. Briles held a Life Membership in the Woodson County Historical Society. Glenn was street commissioner of Yates Center for several years, after leaving the farm.

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Maxine Dumond Weir August 5, 1983

Maxine was born at Rose, Kansas, and lived for several years in Yates Center, before moving to Raymond, Miss. that had been her home. She was a Life Member of the Woodson County Historical Society.

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Avis Eagle Ireland 85 August 20, 1983

Mrs. Ireland was a Charter member of the Woodson County Historical Society. She was very active in this organization until her health failed her. For several years she was chairman of the Nominating and also the Memorial Committees.

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## GRAND MARSHALL'S — 4-H Fair Parade

The choice of Grand Marshall's for the 45th annual 4-H Parade was well chosen when the parade committee gave the honor to Noel and Julia Jackson. Noel and Julia were both born and lived their entire lives in Woodson County.

Noel Jackson and Julia Bennett were married Feb. 1, 1933. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in February, 1983. They have spent their entire married life on the same farm, that has been in the Jackson name for 90 years.

They have spent much of that 50 years in 4-H, Farm Bureau, Soil Conservation, and other farm related work. They have been active in the Maple Grove U.M. Church.

They are the parents of five children: Doreen, (Mrs. Nelson Pringle); Dwight Jackson; Eunice, (Mrs. Trichler); Ellen, (Mrs. Francis Jackson); Helen, (Mrs. Eisele).



**Julia & Noel Jackson**

## WILLIAM WAGNER and his Carriage Shop —

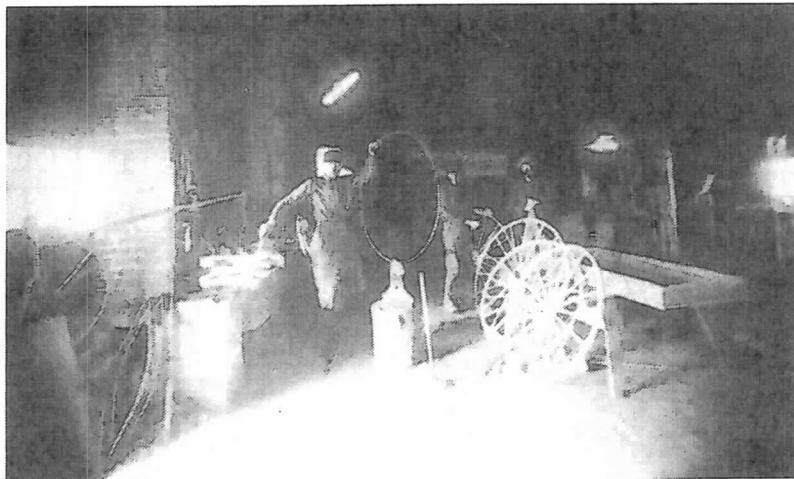
(It is seldom that we have someone to write an article as descriptive as this one is so we are using it as sent to us by the granddaughter of Mr. Wagner, Hilda Sieker [Mrs. Raymond Smith], of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)

Politics, weather conditions, and craftsmanship were just a few of the subjects discussed in the carriage shop of William Wagner on the corner of State and Washington Streets in Yates Center. It was common practice for men, with a few minutes to spare, to stop to visit a bit with "Will" and soak up some of the warmth from the big "Round Oak" stove. Some of the visitors were there just to watch him work, because he was a master of his trade.

Wm. F. Wagner was born and went to school in Canton, Ohio, the son of Christian and Martha Eckart Wagner. Christian Wagner had learned blacksmithing in Kaiserlautern, Germany, before immigrating to Ohio, and he passed his trade on to all of his sons, Urbanus, who married Flora Ropp and resided in Buffalo, Frank who married Harriet Parish and lived in Iola. Albertus married to Lydia Richards, and John married Callista Brown of Buffalo, Will married Cornelia Hayes, daughter of Geo. C. Hayes and his wife, the former Catherine Swanner. The Hayes family had come from Alabama, having lived briefly in Topeka and in Piqua for two years before settling in Yates Center in 1886. They lived on the Washington-State Street corner but at the southern part of the lot with the house facing State Street. Following their marriage the young Wagners lived briefly in Toronto, but returned to Yates Center and Will began his business in 1895.

The carriage shop was equipped to renovate and repair damaged buggies and wagons. There was a forge where he could fashion broken or metal parts, woodworking tools for the most of the wheels had wooden spokes and the interiors frequently had wooden trim, a heavy sewing machine for use in upholstery and many specialty needles to execute the intricate biscuit tufting which was fashionable for buggy interiors of that day.

Along the east wall, great cabinets bulged with rolls of leatherette and reels of the gimp that was used for edging. There were bales of "hair" padding as well as cotton batting. Big blocks of beeswax that always seemed to retain a faint odor of honey it once contained were ready for melting to soak the linen tying twine. There was a rack nearby with an array of clamps that were used with wooden parts were steamed and forced into curved shapes.



**Will Wagner working on a rim of a buggy wheel in his shop at corner of State and Washington in Yates Center**

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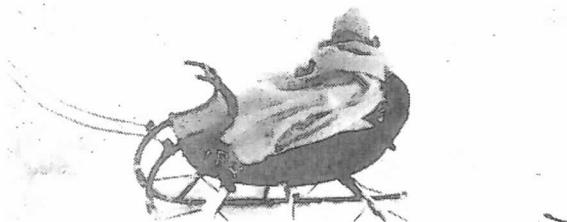
The rear half of the building was partitioned off so that freshly painted vehicles could dry in a dust free environment while work continued on other vehicles. With incredibly fine brushes, "Will" could put fine stripping and scrollwork that was a popular ornamentation. The big sheet of gold leaf were always kept in the house to be brought out only when it was needed. Unknown to many he was an accomplished landscape artist but he worked under a handicap because he was color blind. He kept his paint in the shop in a certain sequence and he could distinguish destiny of color, though not the color itself. Upon occasion, someone would switch paint cans as a prank so he usually consulted one of his daughters to make sure he did not paint a green wheel on a red wagon.

When carriages were replaced by the automobile, the transition was made easily because the touring cars all needed replacement tops and side curtains, so he continued to work as long as his health permitted.

(We will take up more of the reminiscences of Hilda Sisker Smith about her grandfather.)

The snapshot is of a sleigh which Grandpa made about 1895 for his own daughters but it was still serviceable in the 1920's. It was a beautiful maroon in color with black and gold pin striping and scrollwork. The seat and interior padding were of matching maroon velvet. It was made to be drawn by a horse but

when the snapshot was taken, I was a passenger, and I strongly suspect that my beautiful steed was named Fred Sieker. In the background—looking east on Washington Street, W. F. Wagner's shop, house of Wm. Wagner shared by the Sieker family, the J. W. Thurman residence and the Christian Church.



Grandpa dearly loved his grandchildren—I was fortunate enough to live in the same house with him until his death and although I was very young, I have many vivid memories of him. When I played outdoors, I was in and out of the shop a dozen times a day. At that time we had an ice-cream man who came around each day in the horse drawn cart. I believe the man's name was Price—He lived at the end of East Washington. Grandpa was a master of the art of fumbling in his pocket for a nickel as my patience grew, and then at the last minute when I thought the cart would be out of ear shot, Grandpa would find the money!! I didn't know then that the horse knew all the regular customers.

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Wm. F. Wagner and wife Carnelia were the parents of four daughters.

Lila, 1890, married Fred Sieker. They had two daughters, Hilda and Bernice.

Dora Wagner, 1892.

Flora Wagner, 1894, married Harry Hull.

Mary Wagner, 1896, married Walter Hearn.

## ALTON ARONHOLT - Old Time 'Fiddler' - 100 Years Old —

The writer of this quarterly had his first real visit with Alton in Sept., 1971. At that time one would hardly realize he had passed his 88th birthday. He was taking his daily walks downtown (several blocks). Of course before those days we would see him as he would drive his small team of horses hitched to an old spring wagon. He plowed many a garden for his friends and neighbors over a period of 35 years. After he sold his team he walked downtown after his groceries. Next it was a three-wheeled bicycle. One usually knew it was Alton by the flag he usually had flying on his bicycle. He was born July 6, 1883, near Galesburg, Kansas. His parents were Wm. A. and Harriet Aronholt, not long after he was born they moved just east of Buffalo.

Then in 1901 they moved into Woodson County they moved onto the farm of Baxter Baker in Belmont to township in 1902-03. It was here in 1903 that Alton saw his first automobile as Russell Baker drove new car from Yates Center to the Baker farm. It had been delivered to Yates Center from Kansas City. When they would come to town Baker would give Alton 25 cents to watch his car while he (Baker) would go to the picture show.

In 1911, the Aronholt family moved to 802 N. Grove in Yates Center, that was Alton's home until going to Autumn Manor 1, in Nov. 1981.

Autumn Manor 1, was the place of Alton Aronholt's 100th birthday, on July 6, 1983. Alton spent the early part of the afternoon of his birthday playing for his friends while other guitarist and fiddle players joined in the fun. Around 50 people were on hand to enjoy the celebration. Very few people can say that they've played their fiddle on their 100th birthday, but not too many real fiddlers are south-paws either. Alton is one among hundreds who play left handed.

The old violin that Alton plays was obtained in 1912. A neighbor J. C. Strackbine had obtained the violin in 1863. After a time Alton got the old violin for 10 cents. The last time we visited Alton he got the violin out. He did not play it but showed us the "beauty" of the old violin - the places that he had repaired it, the fine points, the beauty of the fine-grained wood on the back. He spent some time telling us things we never knew about the instrument. That old fiddle has certainly been a source of joy enjoyment and entertainment for him over a period of 71 years. Alton was the second of five children. William, Herman, Jesse and Neva.



**Alton Aronholt playing his old violin on his 100th Birthday.**

One of the highlights of his life came when he was 94 years old, when he participated in the Fiddlers and Pickers Convention in Emporia, and came home with the trophy for the oldest contestant.

Alton's 100th birthday was really one to remember, the fiddling with friends, the sharing of cake, the visit with two nieces, and a couple of interesting cards.

One of these cards was from Congressman Bob Whittaker and another from U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

## THE ASA WHITNEY FAMILY —

Down through the years this editor has told some about Asa Whitney, who was one of the early day pioneers along Turkey Creek in what was later the Burt community, but we have never really told the life story of Asa or his family.

Asa Whitney was born in Wallingsford, Vermont, May 4, 1821. When a small boy he moved with parents, John and Augusta Whitney to Chautauqua County, New York. When about 22 years old he moved to Boone County, Illinois, then to Marquette County, Wisconsin. However, before leaving Chautauqua Co., New York, Asa was married to Carolina P. Tyler in June, 1842. Their children were Omar, born Chautauqua Co., Dec. 18, 1844, and Sarah Jane. Evidently his wife Carolina had died before Asa made up his mind to go west.

In the spring of 1854, with an ox team and covered wagon, and evidently with a wagon train, Asa Whitney headed for California. After a long trip he arrived in San Francisco, where for about three years he worked in the timber, cutting and marketing wood in San Francisco Bay. On January 20, 1858, after selling his oxen and wagon, he took a steamer for New York. After a rough voyage and nearly being ship-wrecked in a storm they reached New York safely. He then went to Wisconsin where his family were.

Asa Whitney had married Lydia Morian, possibly before going to California. Their first child was William Morian Whitney, born in Wisconsin. Lydia was a daughter of Jacob and Lydia A. Morian. As soon as arriving in Wisconsin, Asa began to make plans to immigrate to Kansas. According to the biography of Asa Whitney, a rather lengthy article in 'Andreas History of Kansas', they left by rail from Marquette Co., Wisconsin, coming to Boon Co., Illinois. Here they purchased a yoke of oxen and wagon and came as far as Brunswick, Mo., where they stopped for the winter. They arrived in Woodson County early in the spring of 1859, arriving here with three children, Omar, Sarah Jane and William Morian.

Asa Whitney took a claim of 120 acres in the northwest quarter of Sec. 4, Twp. 24, Range 15, with the south part of the claim along the north bank of Turkey Creek. Here the Whitney's built their log cabin and being a part of that community, that lasted for many years. About a quarter mile west of the Whitney cabin a man named Barnes built a log cabin, in either 1857 or 1858. For some reason Barnes did not stay very long leaving and evidently leaving his claim to Asa Whitney.

It was in this long cabin that Asa Whitney helped to organize

the first Baptist Church in Woodson County. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney had belonged to the Missionary Baptist Church when coming here. We believe that it was also in this log cabin that Asa Whitney helped to organize the first school. This was around 1860. Mrs. Lydia Whitney we believe the first or second teacher in the first school organized in Liberty Township, that took in the northwest one fourth of Woodson County. It was given the name of Liberty No. 1. When the schools were numbered officially in 1865, it was still Dist. #1, as it remained until discontinued almost one hundred years later.



We believe this likeness of Asa Whitney the best we have seen. Personally we do not remember Asa and Phoebe Whitney, but in a neighborhood picture we see Asa Whitney with his white beard and white hair. About five feet from him in the group my mother is holding a white-haired kid she said was me. Phoebe Whitney is also in this picture. After getting too old to work much Mr. and Mrs. Whitney spent much time visiting their old neighbors-transportation-horse and buggy.

We would like to remark some about the children of Asa Whitney. We found mention of where Sarah Jane and William Morian coming to Kansas with the covered wagon, but that was the last mention of them we found. The 1860 census just

lists three children; Asa Whitney, 38 years Lydia, 38 years old, Omar, 16; Cornith 13 years, and Lovell, 6 months. As Cornith had never been mentioned before we believe that he was cousin of Omar.

Other children of Asa and Lydia born during the 1860's were Morian, died Oct. 31, 1861; age one month and 13 days; Howell died Mar. 3, 1862, age 2 years, 3 months; Dora died Sept. 22, 1864, age one year and two months. These latter three are all buried in the Goings Cemetery. Their stones have been broken or fallen over, also burried here was Bell, wife or W. E. Morian, died June 17, 1879. Belle Morian was evidently a sister-in-law of Asa and Lydia Whitney.



**Omar Whitney**

Omar will be the only one of the children of Asa Whitney we will tell about. He was born in Chautauqua County, New York, in 1846. He was about 15 years old when he cam to Kansas with his parents. His boyhood was spent along Turkey Creek in the Burt vicinity. Asa Whitney had first came to Woodson County in 1858, where he scouted around some before making the move.

On August 7, 1863, Omar enlisted in Co. F, 9th Regiment Kansas Volunteer Cavalry. Several of his friends from along Turkey Creek had enlisted in this company, including Charles B. Graves who in a short time became his brother-in-law. He could not enlist at the time they did, Nov., 1861, because of his age. He was 18 when enlisted. He was discharged June 29, 1865.

The following year, 1866, Omar was married to Mary Ann Graves, Mary Ann was a small girl when coming to Woodson

County in fall of 1859, with her parents Pusey and Jane Graves. We mentioned in the beginning of this story about the log cabin that was on the farm that Asa Whitney farmed. It was in this Old Log Cabin that Omar Whitney brought his bride. On February 5, 1867, their first child was born. He was given the name of Eugene Pusey. A daughter Luna Fidella was born March 3, 1869.

About two months after the birth of Eugene P. in the Old Log Cabin, the post office of Liberty was established in the log cabin, with Omar Whitney as postmaster. This was the first post office established in the northwest part of Woodson County. Quite a few years ago Eugene P. Whitney showed this writer an old document certifying that on March 25, 1867 Omar Whitney was appointed postmaster of Liberty, Woodson County, Kansas, and did on the 28th day of April execute a bond and has taken oath of office an authorized to execute duties of that office at Liberty.

The seal was affixed on this certificate at Washington City, the 29th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand and sixty seven, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety first.

Signed - Alexander W. Bell, Postmaster General.

Whether or not enough mail went through this post office to justify the maintenance of the office or just why, but it was evidently soon given up. The post office just lasted two years and was discontinued on March 29, 1869.

Soon after Luna was born, Mary Ann, wife of Omar died. About 1874, Omar Whitney married Mrs. Julie Jones. Her maiden name was Julia Fay. She was a daughter of Luke and Roxanne Faye, whose homestead claim was along both sides of the road with Turkey Creek running through it, seven miles north and two miles west from where Yates Center is.

Asa Whitney, Omar, his wife Julia, Eugene and wife Anna are all buried at Elk City, Nebraska.

As mentioned Eugene P. Whitney was born in the Old Log Cabin along Turkey Creek in Woodson County. When about seven years old the family moved to near Elk City, Neb. Here Eugene farmed his father's farm for quite a few years. He was married September 13, 1898 in Cedar Rapids to Anna Eliza Groat. They raised a family of four; two girls, Nellie Rhea, born March 19, 1901; Alice Marie, born January 7, 1903. Willard Whitney Born April 23, 1907-died September 13, 1971 and Francis Eugene born March 7, 1916 and died July 21, 1972.



As Anna and Eugene P. Whitney appeared when they moved back to Woodson County in the later 1930-40's they lived on the Ed Cowen farm, three miles west and 3½ miles north from Yates Center. We use to visit hours with Mr. Whitney. We remember some that he told us. Some names have been refreshed while writing this. After awhile on the farm Eugene and Anna moved into Yates Center.

Francis Whitney married Caroline Gucene. Caroline and her daughter Dana (Mrs. Buster Black are the only relatives living in the county. Francis and Caroline also had three sons, Ron, Lynn and Mark.

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After losing all of her children by death Lydia Morian Whitney died sometime in latter 1870's. In 1889 Asa was married to Phoebe S. ----. Phoebe died in 1906 at their home near Burt.

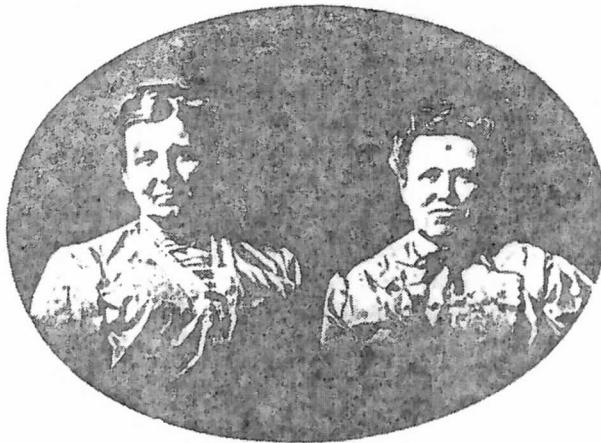
**THE STORY OF THE RANDOLPH GOINGS FAMILY** - appeared in Vol. 14-No. 53, of In The Beginning. However, at that time we had no pictures of any of the family. Since then some pictures have been sent.

Randolph Goings was the father of 12 children. In the records we have been following the names of several children that disappeared. Perhaps left or died. The only children we followed were Sadie or Sarah, and Mary Etta. Early records show her as just Ettie.

Randolph died in 1871, and Mary K, his wife later. Asa Whitney a neighbor living about a mile to the south was appointed as guardians of Sarah and Etta. In Jan. 10 1882 we find, "Now comes Asa Whitney and files his annual account - Full pay to Sadie and a balance of \$42.77 due to Ettie."

Feb. 14, 1883 - Asa Whitney files his final account on the estate of Etta Goings, minor. Asa Whitney is discharged from further attendance of the court as guardian.

Later that same year Etta at the age of 16 was married to Henry Frederick Haefeker. They were married in Yates Center, Sept. 12, 1883 by J. E. Pickett, Minister.



**Sarah Goings Hollenbeck — Mary Etta Goings Haefeker**

We have been spelling the name Goings, but on the marriage certificate of Mary E. it is spelled Goins. It has been spelled both ways down through the years.

In an announcement of this wedding in the Yates Center Argus of Sept., 1883, we find; on Wed. Sept. 12, 1883, at Yates Center, married by Rev. J. E. Picketts, Mr. Henry Haefeker and Miss Mary E. Goens of Woodson Co. ten miles west of Yates Center. (Another spelling of Goings)

## THE WILLIAM M. WEIDE FAMILY —

The birth place of William M. Weide was in a crude log cabin, just a short distance from the north bank of Turkey Creek, and the date of his birth was Dec. 23, 1861. He was the youngest child of Godfrey and Charlotte (Mockerotte) Weide. William had two older brothers and one sister. His parents were born in Germany as was his brother Charles and sister Minnie. The other brother Frederick W., was born in Cook Co. Illinois, near Chicago where the Weide Family lived from 1854 until 1857, when they came to Coffey County, Kansas, coming over in Woodson County along Turkey Creek where they found that some earlier settler had built this log cabin and then left. This was in the spring of 1859.

As a small boy he became a part of the workers on the Weide homestead as he would help herd sheep to the southwest almost to Cedar Creek and to the southeast as far as the Cooper Cave. His schooling was rather little as the boys at that date seldom attended school only in the winter time when the farm work was scarce. William M. or as he was better known in later years as "Whisker Bill", as he probably never shaved, and there had to be some way in identifying the various Bill's as practically every Weide had a William.

Wm. M. at one time related to the writer that the first memory he had of going to a school was to the Dist. #1, school that was about 4 or 5 miles to the northeast of the Weide home. He with his sister who was seven years his senior, and they were riding one of their old favorite horses. His first schooling came at the Dist. #2, log school house just a half mile to the west of the Weide home. This school house was built in 1865. The school record of October 16, 1871, until January 2nd, 1872, shows that "Wm. Wide", age 10, did not start to school until January 7, 1872, going 17 days and missing 4. Christmas came on Monday so was not considered a holiday and found 9 absent. The only holiday listed for no school was on January 1, 1872. The teacher was Walter F. Brewer, who lived in the Pleasant View vicinity. There were 26 pupils enrolled for this term.

The eyes of Wm. M. Weide really twinkled as he recalled an incident of that term. One method of punishment that Mr. Brewer had was not to make the older boys stand in the corner, but he had an iron tea kettle without any lid on it that they had to sit on. There were no desks, but a row of benches, made of rough slabs like from a saw mill. Wm. M. sat just behind Elva Miller who had her hair tied up in 'pigtails'. Wm. Weide could

not resist the temptation and reached out and pulled one of the pigtails which caused some commotion and the teacher to the scene. Mr. Brewer directed Wm. to the tea kettle corner. But Willie Weide could not occupy the tea kettle until Willie Askren could vacate it.

On July 16, 1884, William M. Weide was married to Miss Henrietta Theresa Baurfeld, in the Finney Methodist Church although at the time that church was known as the Turkey Creek Methodist Episcopcal Church. It had been built in 1881. Theresa as she was always known was born in Germany and was the daughter of Frederick Baurfeld and Wilhelmina Mollnow, of Nordhausen, Germany on May 28, 1861. She came with her parents to the United States when she was nineteen years old in the year 1880. They had come to Woodson County where her half sister Minnie Opperman was living. Minnie had come here in 1873, after which she married Charles H. Weide, and older brother of Wm. M.

On January 11, 1887, Wm. M. Weide received a Patent from the State of Kansas for the Northeast quarter of Sec. 34, Twp. 24, Range 14, for the sum of \$426 for the quarter section, or about \$2.74 an acre. However, the getting of his homestead was just the beginning, as money was needed to build a house, barn and there breaking out the sod and making fences. He received a mortgage on the land before getting the patent or deed for it. The farthermost branch of West Owl Creek ran through the new home of Wm. and Theresa Weide.

Wm. M. and Theresa were the parents of nine children, two of them dying in infancy. Elmer, Albert, Arthur, Amanda, Wallace, Martha and Frederick (Trump).

Elmer Arthur Weide was the first child of Wm. M. and Theresa Weide. He was born March 4, 1886, on the Weide homestead. He worked on the farm helping care for the large number sheep and cattle.

He was united in marriage to Conradine Beine Oct. 22, 1912. They established their home in the same community where he continued farming. Hard times came and he lost his farm, he and Dena then moved to the Nikkeltown area until they moved to Vernon where they operated the Vernon store, and weighed the many tons of prairie hay that was shipped from there. They retired into Yates Center. They were the parents of four children, Merle, Lillie Mae, Elma and Myron.

Merle Elmer was born August 6, 1913. Married Mrs. Alice Dale. A step-daughter, Gloria married Loyd Mulsow.

Lillie Mae, born Feb. 12, 1915. She married Ren Easum

October 16, 1936. Children Dale Edgar and Marilyn Ann.

Elma Marie, born July 17, 1917, married Elmo Godfrey Cope. February, 1938. They had six children, Conra, Larry Joe, twins-Arlene and Darlene, Berthadean and Steven. Elmo Cope was born June 26, 1914 and died Feb. 26, 1981.

Myron F. Weide was born Jan. 26, 1930. He married Mrs. Catherine Fossey.

Albert Godfrey was the 2nd son born to the Wm. Weide's on April 23, 1888, and passed away Aug. 31, 1973. Albert never married. He was the "sheep man" and spent most of his life in raising and caring for the large flock of sheep that was always a part of the Weide farm. He died August 31, 1973.

Arthur Lucas Weide was born on the Weide homestead January 26, 1890. Arthur never married and stayed on the farmstead until he and Albert moved to Yates Center in 1962. In the farming operations on this farm, Arthur was the farmer and cattlemen.

Carl Frederick Weide, was the youngest of the Weide children. In the latter years he was always known as "Trump". He was born March 30, 1898, and died August 16, 1961. Trump was a graduate of the Yates Center High School and attended Emporia State College. He worked on the farm, but ran the grader for North township for several years. He liked to hunt coyotes and raised coyote dogs.

Amanda Anna Elma Weide was the oldest daughter and the 4th child of Wm. and Theresa Weide. She was born on the family homestead April 10, 1892. She was married to Charles Richard Mulsow, at the home of her parents on February 24, 1920. They were the parents of five children, Kathryn, Richard C., Evelyn, Loyd and Neva.

Richard Charles Mulsow was born Feb. 8, 1922. On May 18, 1952 he was married to Ruth Irene Trost. They were the parents of four children, Richard Lee, Daniel David, Dana Irene and Duane Timothy.

Evelyn Theresa Mulsow was born, August 13, 1923. She was married to William Eugene Steiner on April 24, 1943. Their children were two sons, William Eugene, Jr. and Jackson Lynn.

Loyd Frederick Mulsow was born June 27, 1925. He was married to Gloria Alice Dale, on Sept. 17, 1948. They had three children; Stephan Charles, John Scott and Valeris Ann Mulsow.

Neva Earlene, youngest daughter of Charles and Amanda Mulsow, was born Sept. 29, 1926. She died June 14, 1973. Neva never married. She attended the home school, graduated from

the Yates Center High School, went one year at Wichita State, two years at Emporia State College. She went to California where she worked for several years, and because of ill health she returned home until her death. Neva compiled the first three years of the Weide history.



The picture of the Weide family was taken on the date of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, in July, 1934. Seated in the picture are Wm. M. Weide and his wife Henrietta Theresa Baurfeld Weide.

Standing left to right are, Amanda, Arthur, Albert, Elmer, Wallace, Fred, and Martha.

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Like many of the fine old homesteads over the county where a large family was raised, the home of William and Theresa Weide and large family are gone. No house and farm owned by others not in the communities. The large flock of sheep that would cross the road to another pasture most every morning and back in the evening is gone forever.

This family at one time were all members of the Turkey Creek Evangelical Church. Amanda at the age of 91, is the only member of the family living.

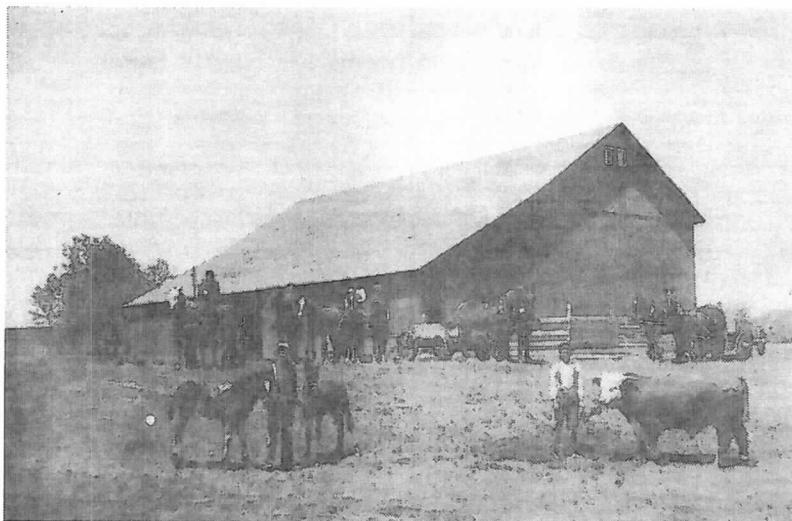
Wallace Daniel, was the 5th child born to Wm. and Theresa Weide. He farmed in the same area of the county most all of his life. He was born March 27, 1894, and died Nov. 16, 1982. On March 14, 1922, he was married to Freda Henning at Loveland, Colo. Their three children are, Catherine Jean, born Feb. 4, 1923, married Leonard May, May 27, 1956. Their children were Cheryl Christine (Weide) May; Dennis Eugene, and Pamela Ann May.

Alta Lee Weide, married Oct. 12, 1957 to Roy A. Davis. They have no children.

Willard Wallace born Aug. 17, 1935, he was married Oct. 20, 1957, to Marilyn McNitt. Their children are Karen Ann and Brian Weide.

Martha Mary was the sixth child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Weide. She was born on the home farm two miles north and 6½ miles west from Yates Center. Martha spent the most of her life on the farm. She was married to George King of Burlington on November 15, 1934. They lived on a farm seven miles west of Burlington. They had no children.

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The Weide farmstead. At the left is Wm. Weide in the wagon; three boys horseback, Wallace, Elmer and Fred (Trump), Arthur is holding a pair of young colts while Albert is leading "Ferdinand"?

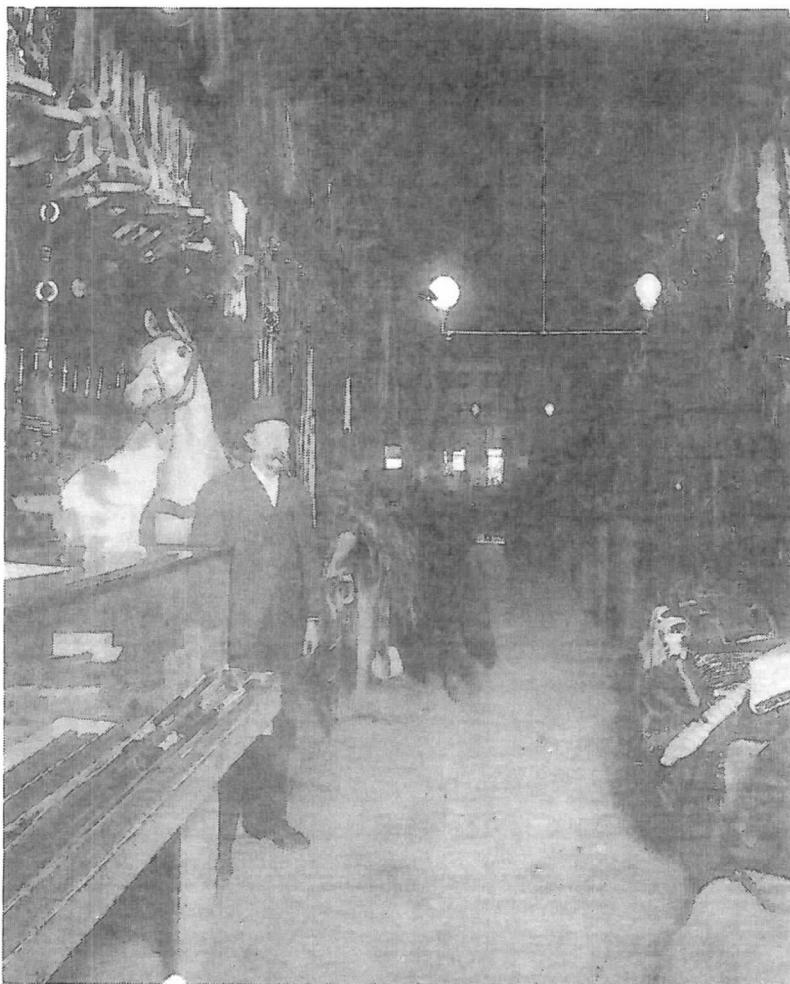
**School Board Members — 1936-1937 —**

1	- Director	- Mrs. Bert Johnson	- Yates Center, Rt. 2
	Clerk	- W. H. Stockebrand	- Yates Center, Rt. 2
	Treas.	- Mrs. C. A. Stockebrand	- Yates Center, Rt. 2
2	- Director	- Walter Welde	- Yates Center, Rt. 4
	Clerk	- A. H. Light	- Yates Center, Rt. 4
	Treas.	- A. G. Beine	- Yates Center, Rt. 4
Jt. 3	- Director	- A. Cooper	- Toronto
	Clerk	- Will Robertson	- Toronto
	Treas.	- E. F. Armstrong	- Toronto
4	- Director	- Elsie Hassenpflug	- Rose
	Clerk	- F. G. Fuhlhage	- Rose
	Treas.	- Mrs. Esther Baurfeld	- Yates Center
Jt. 4	- Director	- John Barker	- Neosho Falls
	Clerk	- Mrs. Ethel Tichenor	- Neosho Falls
	Treas.	- C. M. Draper	- Neosho Falls
5	- Director	- Clifford Bennett	- Piqua
	Clerk	- H. J. Wagner	- Piqua
	Treas.	- A. F. Orth	- Humboldt
6	- Director	- Mrs. T. M. Herdman	- Neosho Falls
	Clerk	- Alto Ling	- Neosho Falls
	Treas.	- John Heffern	- Neosho Falls
Jt. 7	- Director	- Ernest Holtz	- Neosho Falls
	Clerk	- L. G. Mentzer	- Neosho Falls
	Treas.	- G. C. McKinley	- Neosho Falls
8	- Director	- W. G. Tidd	- Neosho Falls
	Clerk	- S. A. Williams	- Neosho Falls
	Treas.	- Mrs. Minnie Schrier	- Neosho Falls
Jt. 9	- Director	- George Henson	- Toronto
	Clerk	- M. E. Black	- Toronto
	Treas.	- A. R. Carlisle	- Toronto
Jt. 11	- Director	- S. M. Faidley	- Neosho Falls
	Clerk	- Thos. Salsbury	- Neosho Falls
	Treas.	- Mrs. Vera Snodgrass	- Neosho Falls
12	- Director	- Robert Rhea	- Yates Center
	Clerk	- Claude Mabes	- Virgil
	Treas.	- Frank Smith, Sr.	- Virgil
13	- Director	- H. B. Theobald	- Yates Center
	Clerk	- Arthur McCormick	- Yates Center
	Treas.	- Thomas Brodman	- Yates Center
14	- Director	- H. H. Peters	- Yates Center
	Clerk	- John Link	- Yates Center
	Treas.	- R. C. Wagner	- Yates Center
15	- Director	- Earl Davidson	- Yates Center
	Clerk	- H. A. Weide	- Yates Center
	Treas.	- Sophia Tannahill	- Yates Center
16	- Director	- E. P. Peck	- Yates Center
	Clerk	- L. M. Parish	- Yates Center
	Treas.	- E. F. Lewis	- Yates Center

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17 -	Director	- Estil McKinsey	- Rose
	Clerk	- J. W. Gray	- Rose
	Treas.	- W. E. Hiday	- Rose
18 -	Director	- Mrs. Pauline Pringle	- Rose
	Clerk	- F. W. Await	- Rose
	Treas.	- A. L. Pringle	- Rose
Jt. 19 -	Director	- J. E. Daniels	- Toronto
	Clerk	- J. H. Keller	- Toronto
	Treas.	- Jasper Daniel	- Toronto
20 -	Director	- Bert Tannahill	- Vernon
	Clerk	- Mrs. J. W. Sherwood	- Vernon
	Treas.	- Mrs. J. H. Gordon	- Vernon
Jt. 21 -	Director	- W. F. McDaniel	- Humboldt, Rt. 3
	Clerk	- Lester Erickson	- Chanute, Rt. 2
	Treas.	- R. Wm. Taylor	- Humboldt
22 -	Director	- Charles Poliman	- Humboldt
	Clerk	- T. L. Reedy	- Humboldt
	Treas.	- Mike Crahan	- Yates Center
23 -	Director	- G. C. Jackson	- Humboldt
	Clerk	- Ira Hays	- Humboldt
	Treas.	- Vernon Ostrander	- Humboldt
24 -	Director	- George Smith	- Rose
	Clerk	- C. H. Stoll	- Rose
	Treas.	- S. S. Dutro	- Rose
25 -	Director	- Albert Kress	- Neosho Falls
	Clerk	- H. G. Koester	- Neosho Falls
	Treas.	- W. A. Trout	- Neosho Falls
26 -	Director	- Jacob Haen	- Humboldt
	Clerk	- J. W. Massoth	- Piqua
	Treas.	- J. W. McNett	- Piqua
27 -	Director	- W. L. Habiger	- Piqua
	Clerk	- Joseph Burggeman	- Piqua
	Treas.	- H. G. Helman	- Piqua
28 -	Director	- Wm. Stephenson	- Buffalo
	Clerk	- Stanford Eagle	- Rose
	Treas.	- O. C. Buell	- Rose
29 -	Director	- W. S. Mears	- Rose
	Clerk	- R. E. Offenbacker	- Buffalo
	Treas.	- Roy Easley	- Rose
30 -	Director	- C. M. Heistand	- Yates Center
	Clerk	- Mrs. Kate Smith	- Yates Center
	Treas.	- George W. Watts	- Yates Center
31 -	Director	- J. L. Throughman	- Rose
	Clerk	- G. F. Englebrecht	- Rose
	Treas.	- Mrs. Lola Pendlay	- Rose
32 -	Director	- Ellis Tidd	- Neosho Falls
	Clerk	- Arthur Moorehead	- Neosho Falls
	Treas.	- Kenneth Ellis	- Neosho Falls

The Harness, Saddlery and Leather Shop of Isaac J. Camac that was located on the west side of the square in Yates Center. The man standing at the end of the showcase, and having the handle-bar mustache is Mr. Camac. He is standing at the shoulder of the attractive harness shop horse, with the cat "Tom" standing on the showcase. The man leaning against the saddles in unknown. The long troughlike box in front of the showcase holds an assortment of buggy whips. Quite a large assortment of halters, bridles, harness, collar pads, and harness ornaments line both sides of the shop. The four gas lights would seem rather dim now.



**PATRONS OF WOODSON COUNTY  
HISTORICAL QUARTERLY**

Brown's Western Auto	Lynn and Gail Cantrell
Milton & Virginia Schornick	Gaulding Oil Co.
Kenneth & Barbara Stockebrand	Donald E. Ward
John V. Glades Agency	Clyde Hill
Street Abstract Co., Inc.	Kimbell Ranch-Ed. Kimbell
State Exchange Bank	Edwin H. Bideau Assoc.
Self Service Grocery	Agencies-Chanute
Krueger Variety & Dry Goods	First National Bank-Toronto
Piqua Farmer's Co-op	Hi-Way Food Basket
Morton Equipment Co.	Atkin Clinic
Swope & Son Implement Co.	Blackjack Cattle Co., Inc.
Superior Bldg. & Supply, Inc.	Yates Center Elevator
The Herring Families	Jaspers Shopping Spot
Cantrell Hay Co., Craig Cantrell	Daly Western Supply
Artex Manufacturing Co.	Linde Barber Shop
J. C. Schnell	Campbell Plmg. & Electric
Wilma Mark	Bill Taylor-Gen. Agent
Yates Center News	Woodson Co. Farm Bureau
Gambles Hardware & Home Furnishings	Jaynes Insurance Agency
Pringle Ranch- J. Richard Pringle	Glenn Shaw
Atkin Rexall Pharmacy	Elmer E. Light
Campbell Funeral Home	Milton & Marcella Wrampe
Glen & Zola Baker	Loren & Rita Cantrell
Piqua State Bank	Al's Jewelry
Ken Kimbell	Edwin G. Reid, St. Louis, MO
Steiner's Sundries	Rex Butler, Nashville, TN
C. L. "Matty" & Luriel Mathews	Thomas Wilson
	Bill Herman
	Abbott & Ethel Crandall

